



Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2016

The meeting of the Deep River Parks and recreation Commission was called to order by Justin Waz at 7:09 pm on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. Members present were Karen Dexter, Sarah Kateley, Betsy Scholfield, Cristi Stroud-Downes, Brandon Woodcock, Justin Waz and Stephani Award. Members absent were James Beardsley, Dave Berardis, Kevin Crosby, Tania Crosby, James Cunningham, Mary-Elizabeth Massey, Miriam Morrissey, Grace Petroka, Leslie Sheehan and Don Simpson. Carol Jones, Director, was also present.

Audience of Citizens: Mike Morris of recdesk.com- cloud based recreation management software. Morris gave a presentation on his software program, recdesk.com. This software would allow for online registration for all Deep River Parks and Recreation programs, as well as provide a tool to manage the administrative side. Many Towns in Connecticut are using recreational software programs to manage their enrollments, provide on-line registration, track field usage and cut administrative costs. The Commission would like to do further research before voting.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by Scholfield and seconded by Woodcock. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: No report.

Committee Reports:

- a. Basketball Program: Currently in progress.
- b. Bus Trips: Four trips currently planned. March 18- Boston Flower Show, April 27 Broadway Show, "Kinky Boots", May 15-A Day In Boston at JFK Presidential Library and Museum, June 26- 9/11 Museum and Memorial. Still need members to chair this sub-committee.
- c. Enrichment Programs: Robin Hood was a tremendous success. Committee would like to continue with two performances as that worked out better for parents and guests. Enrichment classes start February 11. Offering Arts & Crafts, Lego Play, Girls in Engineering and Computer Coding. All classes will be at DRES.

- d. Easter Egg Hunt: March 19 snow/rain date March 20. There will be an egg stuffing party at Chairperson Sarah Kateley's house March 12.
- e. Fishing Derby: May 7. Name changed to "The Deep River Fishing Derby" which will now include Chester and Essex as well. Voted to raise the entrance fee to \$10.00 with a discount to families with multiple children participating.
- f. Parks: Devitt Field: No report. Town Landing: No report. Plattwood Park: No Report. Brockway Ferry: No report.
- g. Movies: The summer movie schedule at Plattwood Park is as follows: July 29-Guardians of the Galaxy, August 5-Secretariat, August 12-The Lego Movie and August 19-The Minions.
- h. Carnival: June 16-18 @ Devitt. The committee fielding requests from food trucks to participate.
- i. Summer Concerts: No report.
- j. Summer Program: Will run for 8 weeks, June 20 -August 12.
- k. 5-K Run/Walk: No report.
- l. Family Day and Fireworks: Deposit for fireworks display was sent to Pyrotechnico.
- m. Membership: Commission still has open seats.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: Commission will do additional research on recreational software programs before making a decision.

Adjournment: Woodcock made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm. Dexter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephani Award, Secretary
Deep River Parks and Recreation